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Ladies and gentlemen:

As a laissez-faire Republican who opposes government intervention in most cases, and believes that there is nothing the Government can't screw up by intervening, I never thought I would be writing this letter. But I cannot object more strongly to the proposed settlement with Microsoft.

Microsoft has stifled innovation and sucked the life-blood out of the computer industry for long enough. They have built their empire on marketing prowess and on making customers need them, not on innovation. They have systematically crushed competition. When DOJ filed suit, I thought it was long past time. When they won, I saw a ray of hope. It was the ONLY significantly good thing I ever saw come out of the Clinton administration.

To settle now, on the terms you have proposed, is the most pathetic breach of faith with the American people I have ever seen. Why not just give them a federal license to continue to steal? The new XP is the worst yet in terms of over-reaching the consumer that pays for it. If they didn't have such an oppressive monopoly, I would never have bought the stuff. Put an end to these shenanigans by pushing these idiots to the wall.

These people don't need consent decrees, they have already had them. They need jail terms.

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